

As regards the imperialist Abbot Wibald, a violent partisan, the King had sworn a great oath that he should be hanged like a common criminal "if he were taken, Meanwhile Roger's partisan, Rainald, emerged from his obscurity and, supported by Landulf of San Giovanni, got hold of San Germano, and set himself to secure the abbey by force. In the beginning of November, Wibald realised that the Sicilian's victory was all but complete; he therefore determined to abandon his post, and return to Germany. He bade the monks choose a new abbot; he was departing, he said, for their sakes, not for his own; he would never return. After a tenure of a month and a day, he returned to Germany to become before long Abbot of Corbel, to remain the friend of the Emperor, and a copious letter writer, a foe to Roger as long as he could wield his pen,

The monks elected on November X4th the former Rainald of CoUemazzo; he renewed the old alliance with Anacletus and Roger, and from this time the great abbey practically became a part of the kingdom.

Early in November, Benevento

the victorious King, The citizens were rewarded by a

Royal Charter which was couched in
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and sealed with a golden Bull, relieving
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